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TO: House Business and Labor Committee members

RE: Amendment to HB-300 (8 hr work day bill)

During the hearing on HB-300, a lone opponent, a representative of the boilermakers local from Holcim, Inc. appeared. They were represented by Don Judge. Mr. Judge requested that an amendment clarify that in the statute dealing with Cement plants and quarries (39-4-109) the language should clarify that the bargaining agreement must delineate the hours of work.

Mr. Judge has forwarded me the draft amendment and I have circulated it among the affected proponents. I received feedback from all of the affected proponents (Holcim Inc., Ashgrove Cement, and Graymont Inc.) These entities have no opposition to the amendment- provided it stays exactly as presented to us(attached).

Additionally, the other proponents to the bill's provisions in 39-4-103, 39-4-104, and 39-4-107 have no objections to this amendment either.

Collectively, we support adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bud Clinch, Exec. Director

Montana Coal Council